

Two Indiana Communites Chosen to Participate in ICMA Peer Exchange Program

The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) received approximately 20 applications earlier this year for their Brownfields Peer Exchange Program. The objective of the Peer Exchange Program is to research the critical elements of effective brownfields redevelopment that can be replicated by and adapted to other communities. The Peer Exchange pairs more experienced "mentor" communities with "protege" communities that have requested assistance with specific aspects of brownfields cleanup and redevelopment. In March, ten communities were chosen to participate. Two of the ten communities are in Indiana. Gary, IN was paired up with Camden, NJ and Indianapolis, IN was paired up with Concord, NC. The program runs through October. ICMA will write and publish a final report that will present case studies of the participating communities, discuss the activities of the peer exchanges, and share the best practices and lessons learned while focusing on how other local governments can adapt these methods in their own communities. For more information on the Peer Exchange Program, contact Elizabeth Stasiak at (202) 962-3509 or estasiak@icma.org.